

**PERMIT APPLICATION FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL MITIGATION EXCAVATIONS
FOR THE PROPOSED BURGERSFORT LANDFILL SITE ON PORTION 9 OF THE
FARM AAPIESDOORNDRAAI 298-KT, NEAR BURGERSFORT, LIMPOPO
PROVINCE**



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CaseID: 25602
PermitID: 4693

Date: Thursday, 24 July, 2025

PERMIT: Test Excavation, Use equipment on site

In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality
1 Kastania Street
1 Kastania Street
Burgersfort
1150

SAHRIS Site: 381812

This permit application is for the archaeological mitigation investigations (including targeted GPR surveys, gradiometry and test excavations) on Portion 9 of the farm Aapiesdaorndraai 298-KT, near the town of Burgersfort, within the Sekhukhune District Municipality, and the Fetakgomo Local Municipality in the Limpopo Province.

Conditions:

This permit is issued to Wouter Fourie of PGS Heritage.

1. If the permit holder is not to be present on the site at all times, then the heritage authority must be provided with the names and qualifications of the authorised representatives.
2. Adequate recording methods as specified in the Regulations and Guidelines pertaining to the National Heritage Resources Act must be employed. Note that the position of all excavations must be marked on a plan of site.
4. The proposed method of mitigation outlined on the permit motivation letter is approved.
5. Excavation methods include surface collection, survey and mapping, stratigraphic excavations through trenches and blocks on the Stone-walled Iron Age sites. Collected artefacts must be recorded prior to sampling and sites must be mapped using a site grid.
6. Adequate recording methods as specified in the Regulations and Guidelines pertaining to the National Heritage Resources Act must be employed. Note that the position of all excavations and objects collected must be marked on a plan of the site.
7. A standard site record form must be lodged with the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology at the University of Pretoria in Pretoria.
8. All material collected and excavated, as well as field notes and records, will be curated by the Department of

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Anthropology and Archaeology at the University of Pretoria in Pretoria, who will be responsible for the permanent curation and safekeeping of all artefactual material in a condition that allows ongoing research. Mitigated material, field notes and records must be lodged with the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology at the University of Pretoria upon the submission of the permit report. **Proof of material accessioning must be provided to SAHRA in the permit report.**

9. Test excavation must be no more than 2m x 2m, and all test excavation sites must be rehabilitated.

10. If human remains are uncovered during the test, all activities must stop and public consultation must begin to identify the next-of-kin. A formal grave relocation process will commence if required, then a permit in terms of section 36 of the NHRA must be applied for from SAHRA on SAHRIS.

11. A final report on the results of the test excavation must be submitted to the heritage authority issuing this permit before **7 August 2026**, and must be submitted to the case, using the template in the following link: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/content/apmpermitreports>. Additionally, the results of the test excavation must be included in the HIA for the proposed development. SAHRA reserves the right to withhold further permits if progress is not deemed satisfactory. No information protected by POPIA must be included in the report. If there is a delay in submitting the report, SAHRA must be informed in writing.

12. Reprints of all published papers or copies of theses and/or reports resulting from this work must be lodged with the heritage authority.

13. This permit is subject to a general appeal and may be suspended should an appeal against the decisions be received by SAHRA within 14 days from the date of the permit. SAHRA may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit.

14. If a published report has not appeared within three years of the lapsing of this permit, the report required in terms of the permit will be made available to researchers on request.

15. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to obtain permission from the landowner for each visit, and conditions of access imposed by the landowner must be observed.

16. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to fill in excavations and protect sites during and after excavation to the satisfaction of the heritage authority and the landowner.

17. The heritage authority shall not be liable for any losses, damages or injuries to persons or properties as a result of any activities in connection with this permit.

18. The heritage authority reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holder.

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ADMIN:

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